Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 26 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 27 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 25 Apr 2023 at 17:54 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence Wednesday. Moderate for deteriorating conditions and rising freezing levels through Thursday and Friday, but low for timing. Low confidence over the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 26 Apr 2023: Cold but mainly dry with light winds. Sunny spells on the coast, but cloudy elsewhere.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 26 Apr 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	20%

Forecast for Wednesday 26 Apr 2023

Weather: Occasional clear spells near the coast through the early hours with some sunshine here in the morning. Otherwise largely cloudy. The odd very light shower possible, but dry for most. Lowering cloud with light snow, rain in the glens, spreading in from the west towards midnight.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% in the west, 60% in the east

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good or excellent visibility outside of any low cloud. Cloud bases mostly above the summits in the west, perhaps touching the highest summits around dawn. Occasional cloud down to 800m across eastern hill, most likely towards Ben Lomond. Extensive cloud dropping to the lower slopes by midnight.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	9/11 E	7/9 E	4/5 NE	8/11 NE	6/9 NE	5/8 NW	6/8 NE	11/15 E	15/20 SE
900	10/12 E	8/10 E	5/6 E	7/10 NE	4/7 NE	5/8 N	6/9 NE	10/14 SE	13/17 SE
600	11/14 NE	4/6 NE	6/8 NE	8/12 NE	4/7 NE	4/7 NW	7/9 N	9/12 E	11/15 SE
300	3/5 NW	3/5 N	3/6 N	6/9 NE	5/8 NE	5/8 NW	6/10 SE	7/13 E	9/17 E
Glen	8/15 NE	5/13 NE	6/13 NE	6/10 NE	5/8 NE	3/5 NE	5/9 SW	5/9 SE	4/9 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-5/-10	-5/-10	-6/-9	-5/-10	-4/-8	-3/-6	-3/-6	-4/-10	-4/-11
900	-3/-8	-4/-8	-3/-6	-1/-5	-0/-3	2/-1	1/-2	-1/-6	-2/-7
600	1/-4	-0/-2	-1/-4	1/-3	2/1	4/2	4/1	2/-1	2/-2
300	3/1	2/-0	1/-0	4/2	5/3	6/4	6/4	4/2	4/0
Glen	4/1	3/0	3/1	7/5	8/7	10/9	9/8	6/5	5/4
Freezing Level*	400m	300m	300m	400m	500m	600m	600m	700m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note low freezing level and cold summit temperatures. Moderate UV levels despite cloud cover.

Forecast for Thursday 27 Apr 2023
Weather: Persistent snow, rain on the lower slopes through the early hours, turning heavier at times in the morning. Becoming lighter through the afternoon, with snow becoming confined to the higher summits.

Maximum wind: Southeast 15-20 mph, gusting 25 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Nil.

Low Cloud and visibility: Very poor visibility throughout with cloud likely to be persistent down to the lower slopes.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius rising to plus 7 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 1 Celsius rising to plus 4 Celsius.
Freezing level: 500m, rising to 900m around midday, then 1200m in the afternoon.

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